

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Petition and Fee for a Two-Month Extension of Time.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species 1 (Figures 1-2) on which at least claims 1-4 are readable, without traverse. Claim 1 is believed generic to all species. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

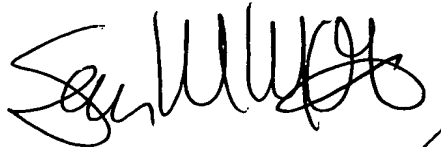
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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